

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on December 30, 2004. New claim 8 is added, based upon Example 1 and the 13th line on page 14 of the specification. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by GB 932,670 ("Hercules"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As pointed out by the Examiner, the Hercules reference may be considered to teach a compound of formula (1) herein wherein r is 0, m is 1, p is 1, R^1 and R^2 are each methyl, R has the formula (3), and R^a , R^b , and R^c are each hydrogen. However, such compounds are not embraced by claim 1 herein. Claim 1 herein expressly provides that " R^1 and R^2 are each a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon group and R^a in Formula (3) in R is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms when r is 0, m is 1, and p is 1". Thus, R^a in this embodiment of claim 1 would be at least a methyl group, and could not be a hydrogen group.

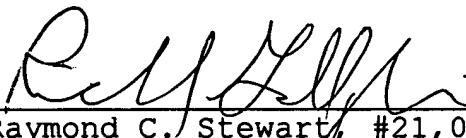
The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of record and to pass claims 1-8 herein to Issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By  #28,781
for Raymond C. Stewart, #21,066

RCS/RG/csm
3273-0182P

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000